

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 31, 2003 (Paper No. 6). Claims 2 to 13 are being cancelled. Claims 1 and 14 to 19 are in the application, of which Claim 1 is independent. Claim 1 is being amended, and Claims 14 to 19 are being added, herein. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 5 and 10 to 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and Claims 6 to 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), over U.S. Patent No. 5,943,650 (Kanno).

With conceding the correctness of their rejection, Claims 2 to 13 are cancelled, rendering their rejection moot.

Turning to the specific language of Claim 1, a software management apparatus is defined which comprises means for storing, revising and controlling. The means for storing stores battery information corresponding to a charging amount of a battery to control running of software, the means for revising revises the battery information to decrease a value corresponding to an amount of a battery charge according to an increase of an amount of running of the software, and the means of controlling controls a display to display an animation to show battery condition information according to the battery information revised by said means for revising the battery information and a predetermined limit value, wherein the display control means controls the display so as to display different animations in the respective case that the battery is attached or unattached.

The applied art, namely Kanno, is not seen to disclose the features of controlling a display to display an animation showing battery condition information, and to display different animations in the respective case that the battery is attached or unattached.

Kanno is seen to describe managing operation of a managed software product to provide controlled access by a user of the software product. Figures 1 and 10 of Kanno illustrate a display which includes a remainder information area 24 and a remainder warning area 26. At col. 9, lines 16 to 27, Kanno is seen to describe that area 24 displays a remaining battery amount, which is displayed while the software controlled by the battery is executing, and area 26 displays a warning when the remaining battery amount falls below a threshold amount. However, Kanno is not seen to describe a display control means to control a display to display an animation showing battery condition, and to display different animations when the battery is attached or unattached, respectively.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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